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## SOME 1919 WEATHER FACTS.

Some Interesting Weather Features of the Year 1919—The Extremes.

January came in with a temperature of 9 below zero and 12 inches of snow on the ground. The temperature was 9 below on the 1st; 9 below on the 2d; 20 below on the 3d; 15 below on the 4th, and 8 below on the 5th.

The first snow came January 4—one inch.

First January thaw came week of the 18th, and snow melted fast and put the roads in horrible condition.

Good sleighing prevailed from Christmas until January 15.

The kids enjoyed playing marbles during the week of January 18th.

Lilacs leafed out and had many buds during week of January 25; dandelions were up and coming all through the greater part of the month.

Andy Burrier gathered turnips from his own garden, and Geo. Watson and Dan Zachman had lettuce from their gardens.

Parties were breaking sod between Maitland and Mound City, week of January 30th.

Sunday was ground-hog day, and he didn't see his shadow, but it was 2 below zero on the 28th.

February 11th windows and doors were opened; the air was balmy and of the spring variety.

A robin and Jennie Wren came and gave us a concert on the 12th.

Night of February 13 rain and snow accompanied by a 40-mile northwest wind visited this section.

Roads almost impassable February 20-25, caused by heavy snow of the 20th.

March came in like a lion—cold and raw, but not very blustery; roads very bad.

Thunder, lightning and rain came March 14 and 15, making the roads bad again. On the 15th, 2.12 inches fell, and 5.15 inches in St. Joseph. Great damage done in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Damage to property in and around Big Lake, Fortescue and Bigelow, both by water and wind. Nodaway out of its banks March 16-17. Four feet of snow fell over New Mexico on March 22.

Gardening began in earnest week of March 28.

We had hail on April 6 and May 3. Electrical storm with rain night of Sunday, April 6.

On April 8 severe tornado passed over portions of Texas; the death toll reached 61.

Easter came April 20, and a perfect day it was.

Unusual heavy rainfall of 3.20 inches on night of May 2-3; train schedule on K. C. road out of time badly; washing out of culverts, etc. Davis Creek out of its banks flooding lower part of Mound City; Nodaway river out of banks for fifth time thus far this year. 1.15 inches of rain fell night of May 3-4; total of 4.35 inches in 48 hours. Heavy electrical storm accompanied these rains. 4 inches fell at Bigelow.

Corn planting began in earnest on May 12, unusually late. Much bottom lands were still under water.

Wind laid considerable wheat and alfalfa to the ground night of May 18. Small cyclone passed over Kimsey district evening of May 3, and did considerable damage to orchards and various outbuildings.

Three inches of snow fell in Colorado and New Mexico, June 1.

Fires were comfortable June 2, 3 and 4, and winter bed wraps were comfortable many nights during the month.

Three-fourths of an inch of rain fell in 20 minutes evening of Tuesday, June 10.

Wheat harvest began Monday, June 23.

J. W. Patterson planted 300 acres of corn week of June 23-30.

Heavy wind, rain and electrical storm June 26; rainfall, 1.89 inches. Hail fell on the Riley Huatt place.

Bed quilts were the thing night of June 28.

On July 4, 1.13 inches of rain fell, and 1.30 inches fell on the 5th—total for the two days, 2.43 inches.

The rainfall of 1.30 inches July 5 did much damage to corn and wheat in vicinity of Fortescue; water over south end of Forest City depot platform.

Bigelow-Mound City road out of commission. Big Tank levee, north of Bigelow, broke, flooding much land.

Bed quilts were comfortable nights of July 15, 16 and 17, and the temperature went to 98 on the 27th.

River 2.5 above low water stage Saturday, July 30—lowest stage 2.4. Severe dust storm Thursday, July 31.

A little fire was committed August 2, Saturday, following the rain on July 31. No rain from July 31 to July 31, when .87 of an inch fell.

Temperature went to 104 in Mound City on August 6, 105 at Craig, and 98 at Oregon.

Bed quilts comfortable nights of August 7, 8 and 9.

Aurora Borealis put telegraph and telephone communication to the bad throughout the United States at noon August 11.

Severe electrical storm evening of August 15, with rain.

No 100 degree temperature was recorded here during June, July and August, 1919—an unprecedented record.

September 5, the Missouri river was .8 of a foot below low water mark—the lowest in 20 years.

Fires were kindled in many homes, Sunday, Sept. 20, following the rain the night previous.

Frost reported in and around Bigelow morning of Sept. 23; temperature 42; second frost came October 6, temperature 44. First killing frost came night of Oct. 16; ice formed in low

places; second killing frost came night of Oct. 17, ice formed, temperature 26.

November 6 we had thunder, lightning and rain.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, came the annular eclipse of the sun. It came up in eclipse, and continued until 9 o'clock. The last eclipse was in May. Missouri river closed by ice on Dec. 2.

The first touch of real winter came Monday, Nov. 10, with heavy cold winds, coming from the west; this came following 3.02 inches of rain on Sunday.

We had a white Thanksgiving day—a genuine squaw winter came, continuing from the 27th until the 29th; snowfall 6 inches; precipitation 1.15.

December came in with a 4-degree temperature and 6 inches of snow on the ground, and it was 6 below zero on the 3d.

A blizzard with snow from the northeast came Monday, Dec. 8; snowfall 4 inches, temperature 9 below; this was followed with 9 below on the 9th; 19 below on the 10th and 9 below on the 14th.

Great floods prevailed through Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi week of December 12, caused by rains overflowing the rivers of those states.

The driest month was January; precipitation .09 of an inch.

The wettest month was June, 6.47 inches of rain fell.

The wettest 24-hour was 3.24 inches of rain, May 2-3.

July 4, 1.13 inches of rain fell.

There was no 100 degree temperature during the summer of 1919. The highest was 98 degrees.

The coldest days of the year 1919 were 20 below zero on January 30, and December 10, 19 below.

The coldest month was January—mean temperature, 28 degrees.

The hottest month was July—mean temperature, 78 degrees.

The hottest days were July 27 and August 6, each 98 degrees.

Christmas day, 1919, was cloudy with plenty of snow on the ground and reasonably good sleighing; the snow falling the last week in November, but much had melted. The air was damp, and it was a raw, disagreeable day.

WEDDING BELLS.

Stevens-Derr.

'Twas the day before Christmas when Miss Essie, the splendid daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Derr, of near Oregon, took her journey to St. Joseph in company with Wm. H. Stevens, a fine young farmer of this section. The couple went direct to the court house, and after a brief, but pleasant chat with the county recorder he turned over to them a document which gave them permission under our laws to become husband and wife, and so they are and have been since Dec. 24, 1919.

Miss Essie, now Mrs. Stevens, is just a splendid woman, every way so splendidly equipped to build a home, and bring to her splendid young husband all that man could reasonably expect or ask for.

The groom is one of our very best young farmers, industrious, and of excellent habits. He made an ideal soldier in the defense of his country in the war with Germany, serving overseas, and as he made a good soldier he has all the qualities to make a good husband.

Ruley-Keeves.

The old school over there on the hill in the old town of Oregon has been the scene of many courtships, out of which has come many weddings, the latest of these is the marriage of Miss Kathryn, only child of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Keeves, and Glenn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ruley, both of our city. The couple went to St. Joseph, on Saturday, December 6, 1919, where they were made husband and wife. The couple have been sweethearts for a long time, and concluded to cast their lot together for the rest of their days. They are a sprightly young couple, and everybody knowing them, will surely wish them a long sweet life. They will make their home in Kansas City, where the groom will take a desk in the real estate office of his uncle, Clyde Ruley.

Krusor-Wickiser.

This old wedding seat sits sincere congratulations to the interested parties on both sides of the family fence, who have become closely related.

On Christmas Day, 1919, Jubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Krusor, and Miss Maude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wickiser, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of the more intimate friends of the contracting parties by the Rev. J. M. England, pastor of the Craig M. E. church.

Maier-Fegans.

Miss Ruth S. Maier, of this city, and Mr. Dave M. Fegans, of Pancoastburg, Ohio, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Maier on Tuesday, Dec. 23. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock by Rev. Jewell Howard, pastor of the Christian church.

Following the ceremony a sumptuous two-course dinner was served. The following guests were present: Mrs. H. P. Swinehart and daughter, Margaret, of Maryville; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Smith and daughters, Misses Ruth and Minnie, of Craig; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy D. Locke and little daughter, Jane Elizabeth, of Fairfax; Miss Eva Hogan, of Bigelow; Daniel N. Hulst, of Maitland; and Mrs. Jewell Howard and Margaret Hester, of this city.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Maier, and

has been employed as teacher in the schools here the past few months. The bridegroom is the superintendent of the schools at Pancoastburg, Ohio.

The young couple immediately left for St. Joseph and Maryville for a visit with the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. H. P. Swinehart. They will be at home after January 1 at Pancoastburg, Ohio.—News-Jeffersonian, Dec. 26, 1919.

The Old Sentinel, from which the bride learned her A. B. C's, extends its sincerest congratulations, and hopes she has chosen wisely and well. Not knowing the groom, we leave all to her judgment—if he but fills his place as well as we know Ruth will, then it will be well with them, and we hope for a long, long time—to the very fullness of the allotted time.

The Sixteenth.

Pennel-Aikire.

Having received a license from Recorder Simpson to wed, Mr. Hugh O. Pennel and Miss Grace M. Aikire took a little "joy ride" out to the Presbyterian manse, in New Point, on Saturday, December 27, 1919, ten o'clock in the morning, where the minister, Rev. T. D. Roberts and wife gave them a hearty greeting when they came and gave them their blessing as they departed, husband and wife. They came as Hugh Pennel and Grace Aikire, two names, and they were not here long, only a few minutes, but when they departed it was under one name, Mr. and Mrs. Pennel. Think of it! They too shall be one in name and mutual interests for the future of their lives here. Could that all who enter into this blessed, or cursed, relation of marriage would give it the thought and earnest consideration that the importance and responsibilities of marriage involves.

Since the parties are so well known I would not need to tell your readers more about them, but in deference to custom in writing a wedding notice, I will tell you that Mr. Hugh O. Pennel is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pennel, and that to know him is to regard him most highly for his real worth, one who knows how to manage and to execute his plans to make a success in his life work.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Aikire, of Oregon, and was born and brought up and educated in that town; going through the grade and high schools to proficiency in all lines of usefulness in the home, the church and society and spent some years in teaching the young ideas how to shoot. She is well and favorably known for her many noble qualities of heart and mind.

Mr. Pennel makes the sixteenth one of the second generation that your scribe has married since he returned to Holt county in 1906, and if this thing keeps up much longer he will just have to admit that he is no longer young. If you can spare the space in your most valuable paper I think that I will just give you a list of those names whose parents I married in the years ago and their companions:

1—Miss Myrtle Pennel to Nelson B. Noland.

2—Miss Emma M. Moore to James Nugles.

3—Miss Hannah McIntyre to T. M. Hinde.

4—Mr. James Klinepeter to Miss Jaunita G. McKissick.

5—Miss Bernice V. Guthrie to Geo. E. Derr.

6—Miss Inza B. Guthrie to H. M. Gelvin. The Guthrie sisters was a double wedding.

7—Miss Myrtle Smith to Chauncey W. Hulatt.

8—Miss Louetta Klinepeter to Alfred T. Price.

9—Miss Bessie Moore to Ray Hibbard.

10—Anna May Botkin to Charles W. Glenn.

11—Dr. Leonard Botkin to Miss Loraine King.

12—Miss Jean Bernice Kelly to Ora Edward Saddoris.

13—Miss Lillian Dreher to James G. Stevens.

14—Miss Ina Alice Botkin to Harry C. Hitz.

15—Mr. Roy Kurtz to Emma Ada Stadler.

16—Mr. Hugh O. Pennel to Miss Grace M. Aikire.

REV. T. D. ROBERTS.

Barn Burns.

One of Bruce Bullock's barns, on his farm, in the Monarch school district, about nine miles southeast of Oregon, caught fire, from some unknown cause, about 1 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31, 1919, and burned to the ground with nearly all of its contents. There were about 650 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of corn, several tons of hay several bushels of alfalfa seed, three sets of harness, farming implements and other articles in the barn, but everything was seriously damaged by the flames; in fact, very little was saved. The loss will be \$5,000 or more. We understand that there was some insurance, but we do not know the amount. This is a serious loss to Bruce, and coming in the midst of winter, makes it more severe.

Some Present.

John D. Rockefeller, on Wednesday last, Dec. 24, 1919, gave to mankind a Christmas present of 100 million dollars—half to the general education board to raise the salaries of college professors and half to the Rockefeller Foundation to aid in its work of combating disease through improvement of medical education, public health administration and scientific research. It is estimated that Mr. Rockefeller's public gifts will amount to 450 million dollars.

The Fire Alarm.

About 3 p. m., Christmas Day, fire was discovered in the office room of the Auto Sales Company's garage, and before it was discovered it had done some \$275 damage to their stock of auto accessories. No one was in the office at the time, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. It looked for a brief time as if the entire "inards" of this building was going to go up in smoke and down to ashes. Prompt action saved the building.

Deserves Praise.

The Sentinel wishes to compliment Postmaster Martin for the splendid system he inaugurated to handle the Christmas mail business, which was exceedingly heavy this year. He transformed the entrance to his business office into a receiving window at the north end of the office, and here he received the packages personally, weighed and stamped them, thus relieving his capable assistants of much work.

Claim-A Shortage.

M. F. Horine, statistician of the Chicago Union Stock Yards, is out with a statement that owing to a shortage of a million head of cattle during the year 1919, will cause high prices for beef and beef products for at least the next several years. He says it will be impossible to make good the shortage before 1927.

Remembered The Sentinel.

An appreciable Christmas remembrance came to us the past week from Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Pierce, who are residing at Turlock, California, where Mr. Pierce is manager of the "California Peach Growers" plant of that place. The remembrance consisted of a liberal supply of raisins, dried figs, peaches, apricots and nuts. Oh, but they are surely good and are being relished by the Junior and Senior. Mr. Pierce was our efficient county collector during the term, March 1898-1902. We are glad to know they are prospering. He has the following to say:

"I am manager of the California Peach Growers plant at this place, and as an evidence of peach business, we have handled more than one million pounds of dried peaches, graded into four grades, and shipped them out. We also handle raisins for the California Associated Raisin Co. This association has a membership of 2,000 growers. Would say the peach growers have a membership of about 6,500. Well, we will receive, stem and ship out close to three million pounds of raisins. I could talk a lot on these lines and then not tell it all."

Their Home Coming.

A quiet Christmas was observed in our own dear old town. Throughout the day, from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m., the streets presented a deserted appearance, and it was not until the street lights were turned on that the crowds began to gather around the entrance to the Royal theatre. All in all, it was really a home Christmas, all persons seemingly enjoying the family gatherings throughout the city. The weather was cloudy and murky, with a rather cool breeze blowing from the southwest, and the tinkling sleigh bells were heard all the day long and well toward the midnight hour.

Among the home-comers were: Dr. Charles Simpson, Yates Center, Kansas; Dr. Sam Simpson, Stanberry, Mo.; Dr. Ray Evans and wife, Savannah; Mrs. M. L. Wenn, Broadwater, Neb.; Herbert Caskey and family, Kansas City; Fred Philbrick and family, St. Joseph; Roy Campbell and family, Haxtum, Colo.; Tom Morris and family, Peoria, Ill.; Giles Cooper and wife, St. Joseph, Mo.; Dr. A. A. Disque and family and John Netherlands, St. Joseph; John Bagby and family, Bagby district; Mrs. A. Crews, Craig; Russell Tochterman, Sidney, Nebraska; Morris and family, Marion district; Mrs. J. W. Eddy and daughter, Catherine, Mound City; Olive Morgan, St. Joseph; Mrs. J. W. Hill, Kansas City; Orville Peret, Kansas City; Clyde Ruley and wife, Kansas City; Dr. F. E. Markland, St. Joseph; E. L. (Pete) Foster, Robinson, Kansas; Miss Fannie Meyer, St. Joseph; Milton S. Moore, Milwaukee, Wis.; Theresa Barnes, St. Joseph; Miss Bessie Smith, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Maude Narnans, St. Joseph; James Carlier and wife, St. Joseph; Miss Anna J. Fiegensbaum, St. Joseph; Corban Markland, wife and children, Wichita, Kansas; Ed Young and children, St. Joseph; Roy Kunkel, Kansas City; Miss Stella Brohan, St. Joseph; Adolph Geil, York, Neb.; Rev. A. D. Seelig and wife, Savannah.

Broke Iron Will.

Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers, was on Tuesday last, Dec. 23, released from the Indianapolis, Ind., jail, where he had been confined in jail for contempt of the federal court, and allowed to return to Kansas, where he agreed to call off the strike of the miners of his district. He agreed to obey all the mandates of the court, and to be real good.

Fudgers Entertained.

Mrs. J. J. Rayhill entertained the "Fudge Crowd" at their annual Christmas gathering at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curry, on Friday afternoon, December 26. Santa had left a load of gifts for the various members, and he had not forgotten the Junior "Fudgers" who were present. Those present were: Mrs. H. C. Hitz, Mrs. F. P. Cook, Mrs. L. G. Botkin, Mrs. C. W. Glenn and small son, Charles Robert, and Robert Gilmore, and Mrs. J. J. Rayhill and daughters, Edna and Alice.

## FIRST EVENTS OF 1919.

Some of the First Things Occurring in Holt County in 1919.

The first sudden death from heart disease was James Cordrey, Jan. 14.

First accidental death by fall, Al Hazelwood, who fell from vehicle near Mound City and broke his neck; died Aug. 8.

First veteran of Civil War to die; Jacob Markt, Jan. 21, age 83.

First out of town death, Alfred Moore, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, Jan. 12.

First death by suicide, Earl Lewis, at Mound City, June 28, after shooting his wife.

First death by murder, Mrs. Earl Lewis, shot by her husband, at Mound City, June 28; he suicided after the shooting.

First accidental death by discharge of gun, Frank Bucher, of Forbes, July 25.

First death by auto accident, Thelma Lippold, of Fortescue, May 23, age 9.

The oldest person to die was Robert Young, July 14, age 92.

First City, run down by train No. 42.

First death by being drowned, Alf. Hickson, in Missouri River, south of Forest City, July 26; lived at Iowa Point, Kansas.

First marriage was that of Wm. W. Allen, of Gray Rock, Wyo., and Fannie Sinclair, of Forest City, Jan. 4.

First out of county marriage was Charles Headley and Emma Hoffman, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, Jan. 17.

First golden wedding, Hein Vollmer and wife, of Craig, July 18.

First 60th wedding, Jacob King and wife, Jan. 23.

The first snow came Jan. 4, one inch, covering a 12-inch December fall.

The coldest days were 20 below on Jan. 3, and 15 below on the 4th.

First cyclone to visit county, in Kimsey district, May 4.

First heavy windstorm to do damage, at Big Lake, Jan. 16-17.

First frost came night of Sept. 22; first killing frost came night of Oct. 17.

First incorporation, Highland Orchard Company, Forbes township, capital \$75,000.

First Holt county citizens to visit France after armistice, Geo. and Hamp, Minton of Fortescue.

First warranty deed filed for record, Abraham Ritchie to Geo. C. Terhune, lands in 7, 60, 38, for \$3,290.

First speaker of the House of Representatives, Representative S. F. O'Fallon, 50th General Assembly, chosen Jan. 9, 1919.

First stroke of paralysis came to Mrs. Wm. T. Riley; she died Jan. 18, age 81.

First bank change, in February; O. E. Emery, of Ludlow, Mo., buys part of Emil Weber's stock in Bank of Forest City.

First accident by a fall, Mrs. George Courier, of Bigelow; fell from ladder, Jan. 9, and broke leg.

First Missouri legislative vote on dry amendment to ratify, Jan. 16; senate, wet 10, dry 22. House, wet 36, dry 104.

First brood of chicks reported, Mrs. Ed Courier, Bigelow, Jan. 17.

First of Company L wounded to return from France, Roy Tibbets, at Camp Merritt, Jan. 5.

First birth, a girl to Frank McCoy and wife, Jan. 3.

First pair of twins, boy and girl, to Geo. Veits and wife, Jan. 18.

The first fire was the Moore & Springer store at Oregon, Jan. 18, damage \$1,000.

First auto accident, Lloyd Hopper broke arm, cranking car, Feb. 1.

First horse accident, Albert Brown, of Napier, March 1, kicked by horse.

First eye injury, John Adolph, by a nail, March 2.

First Victory stamps were sold to Chas. Petree and Geo. Polley.

First Holt county soldier to receive the Croix de Guerre cross, Reginald Hinde, of Oregon, signal service; established a liaison between 3d brigade and 23d Infantry in the Champagne sector in October, 1918.

First enlistment after the war, Charles I. Zeliff, of Mound City, navy.

First Corning soldier to return from France, Charles Hankins, Feb. 19.

First to return from German prison, Lieut. Frank Thomson, of Craig, aviation service.

First Red Cross nurse to return from France, Minnie Strobel.

Forbes school district first to raise its quota for "V" Liberty Loan, \$6,460, April 21.

First war tank to visit Holt county, at Mound City, May 1.

First arrests for violation of migratory bird law, John H. and Chas. Carter, of Forest City, in April.

First to be shot on moving train, Oscar Brazel, of Forest City, near water works, April 20; slight injury.

First town lot sale, the McCoy addition to Mound City, 22 acres sold for \$26,000, May 16.

First postoffice robbery at Corning, June 8.

First robbery, Robert Hatch barber shop in Oregon, April 18.

First horse stolen, from Dwight Meyer, April 26; horse recovered, thief got away.

First sentence to penitentiary, Frank Smith for forgery; paroled.

First to be sent to reform school, Wm. Noble, age 17, for burglary, in July.

First to be badly burned, 8-year-old son of Wm. Shaffer, of Forest City, April 28.

First memorial service to our soldier dead in honor of Sergeant Paul Shutte at Mound City, Jan. 12.